

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a one-way function dependent on a one-way function H and a unique value d, comprising the steps of:
  - holding a function generation unique value s by a center;
  - creating a value generation unique value u from the function generation unique value s and the unique value d, the value generation unique value u being provided to a user;
  - and
  - creating a one-way function value X(M) of a message M by applying the one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M.
2. (Original) The method for generating a one-way function according to claim 1, wherein the value generation unique value u is calculated by applying a one-way function G to the function generation unique value s and the unique value d.
3. (Original) The method for generating a one-way function according to claim 1, wherein the value generation unique value u is calculated by applying an encryption function E of a symmetric key to the function generation unique value s and the unique value d.
4. (Original) The method for generating a one-way function according to claim 1, wherein the one-way function value X(M) of the message M is calculated by applying the one-way function H and an encryption function D of a symmetric key to the value generation unique value u and the message M.
5. (Currently Amended) A device for generating one-way function values that calculates a one-way function X dependent on a unique value d, comprising:
  - means for inputting the unique value d;

means for inputting a message M;  
means for holding a function generation unique value s by a center;  
means for creating a value generation unique value u from the function  
generation unique value s and the unique value d, the value generation unique value u being  
provided to a user; and

means for creating a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by  
applying a one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M.

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6. (Original) The device for generating one-way function values according to  
claim 5, wherein the process of calculating the value generation unique value u and the one-  
way function value X(M) is difficult to observe from the outside.

7. (Currently Amended) A proving device for performing processing based on a  
private key dependent on a message M, comprising:

means for inputting the message M;  
means for holding a value generation unique value u;  
means for creating a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by  
applying a one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M;  
and

means for performing processing based on the private key X(M),  
wherein the value generation unique value u is created from a function  
generation unique value s being held by a center and a unique value d, the value generation  
unique value u being provided to a user.

8. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the calculation  
process in processing based on the value generation unique value u and the private key X(M)  
is difficult to observe from the outside.

9. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the proving device is configured as a small portable operation device such as a smart card.

10. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the proving device is configured as a module inside a CPU of the device.

11. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on the private key comprises:

means for inputting a challenge  $c$ ;

means for calculating a response  $r$  from the challenge  $c$  and the private key  $X(M)$ ; and

means for outputting the response  $r$ .

12. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on a private key comprises:

means for inputting a challenge  $c$ ;

means for generating a random number  $k$ ;

means for calculating a response  $r$  from the random number  $k$ , the challenge  $c$ , and the private key  $X(M)$ ; and

means for outputting the response  $r$ .

13. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on a private key comprises:

means for generating a random number  $k$ ;

means for calculating a commitment  $w$  from the random number  $k$ ;

means for inputting a challenge  $c$ ;

means for calculating the response  $r$  from the random number  $k$ , the challenge  $c$ , and the private key  $X(M)$ ; and

means for outputting the response  $r$ .

14. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on a private key comprises:

means for generating a random number k;

means for calculating a commitment w from the random number k;

means for outputting the commitment w;

means for inputting a challenge c;

means for calculating a response r from the random number k, the commitment w, the challenge c, and the private key X(M); and

means for outputting the response r.

15. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on a private key performs multiplications and power operations of multiplicative groups on a finite field.

16. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on a private key performs additions and scalar multiplication operations of elliptic curves on a finite field.

17. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the means for performing processing based on a private key performs multiplicative residue operations and power residue operations modulo n, where n is a composite number that is difficult to factorize.

18. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the message M includes use conditions and the means for inputting messages rejects message input if the use conditions included in the message M are not satisfied.

19. (Original) The proving device according to claim 7, wherein the message M includes private key processing parameters, and the means for performing processing based

on a private key performs processing based on the private key processing parameters included in the message M.

20. (Currently Amended) A device for issuing a proving instrument T in accordance with a unique value d, comprising:

means for inputting the unique value d;

means for holding a function generation unique value s by a center;

means for creating a value generation unique value u from the function generation unique value s and the unique value d, the value generation unique value u being provided to a user; and

means for writing the value generation unique value u to the proving instrument T,

wherein the proving instrument T holds the value generation unique value u, and upon input of a message M, creates a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by applying a one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M to perform processing based on the private key X(M).

21. (Currently Amended) An authentication method by which a right issuer issues rights to right recipients in association with a message M and a right verifier verifies the rights of the right recipients,

wherein the right issuer creates a value generation unique value u from a function generation unique value s being held by a center and a unique value d corresponding to the right recipients, the value generation unique value u being provided to a user; calculates a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by applying a one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M; and issues a certificate C to prove a public key y paired with the private key X(M) to the right recipients,

wherein the right recipients present the certificate C to the right verifier; calculate a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by applying the one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M; and perform processing based on the private key X(M), and

wherein the right verifier verifies the certificate C and verifies the processing based on the private key X(M) of the right recipients with a public key y proved by the certificate C.

22. (Original) The authentication method according to claim 21, wherein an identifier aid indicating an authentication type is included in the certificate C issued by the right issuer and the right verifier succeeds in verifying the certificate C only when the authentication identifier aid included in the certificate C matches the type of authentication to be performed.

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23. (Original) The authentication method according to claim 21, wherein use conditions are included in the certificate C issued by the right issuer and the right verifier succeeds in verifying the certificate C only when the use conditions included in the certificate C are satisfied.

24. (Currently Amended) A certificate issuing device for issuing a certificate C in accordance with a unique value d and a message M, comprising:

means for inputting the unique value;

means for inputting the message M;

means for holding a function generation unique value s by a center;

means for creating a value generation unique value u from the function generation unique value s and the unique value d, the value generation unique value u being provided to a user;

means for creating a one-way function value  $X(M)$  of the message  $M$  by applying a one-way function  $H$  to the value generation unique value  $u$  and the message  $M$ ;  
means for creating a public key  $y$  paired with the private key  $X(M)$ ; and  
means for issuing a certificate  $C$  to prove the public key  $y$ .

25. (Currently Amended) An authentication device for performing authentication in accordance with a message  $M$ , comprising:

means for inputting the message  $M$ ;  
means for holding a value generation unique value  $u$ ;  
means for creating a one-way function value  $X(M)$  of the message  $M$  by applying a one-way function  $H$  to the value generation unique value  $u$  and the message  $M$ ;  
means for performing processing based on the private key  $X(M)$ ;  
means for holding a certificate  $C$  to prove a public key  $y$  paired with the private key  $X(M)$ ;  
means for verifying the certificate  $C$ ; and  
means for verifying processing based on the private key with the public key  $y$ ,  
wherein the value generation unique value  $u$  is created from the-a function  
generation unique value s being held by a center and the unique value d, the value generation  
unique value u being provided to a user.

26. (Currently Amended) An authentication method by which a right issuer issues rights to right recipients in association with a message  $M$  and a right verifier verifies the rights of the right recipients,

wherein the right issuer creates a value generation unique value  $u$  from a function generation unique value s being held by a center and a unique value  $d$  corresponding to the right recipients, the value generation unique value u being provided to the right recipients; calculates a one-way function value  $X(M)$  of the message  $M$  by applying a one-

way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M; and issues an access ticket t determined from a private key x and the one-way function value X(M) to the right recipients,

wherein the right recipients calculate a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by applying the one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M; perform processing based on the private key X(M); and convert the processing based on the private key X(M) to processing based on the private key x by the access ticket t, and

wherein the right verifier verifies the processing based on the private key X(M) of the right recipients with a public key y paired with the private key x.

27. (Original) The authentication method according to claim 21, wherein an identifier aid indicating an authentication type is included in the message M.

28. (Currently Amended) An access ticket issuing device for issuing an access ticket in accordance with a unique value d and a message M, comprising:

means for inputting the unique value d;

means for inputting the message M;

means for holding a function generation unique value s by a center;

means for creating a value generation unique value u from the function generation unique value s and the unique value d, the value generation unique value u being provided to a user;

means for creating a one-way function value X(M) of the message M by applying a one-way function H to the value generation unique value u and the message M;

means for creating the access ticket t from the a private key x and the one-way function value X(M); and

means for issuing the access ticket t.

29. (Original) The access ticket issuing device according to claim 28, wherein the access ticket  $t$  is calculated as a difference  $(x - X(M))$  between the private key  $x$  and the one-way function value  $X(M)$ .

30. (Original) The access ticket issuing device according to claim 28, wherein the access ticket  $t$  is calculated as a quotient  $x/X(M)$  between the private key  $x$  and the one-way function value  $X(M)$ .

31. (Currently Amended) The access ticket generation device according to claim 28, wherein the value generation unique value  $u$  is  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  and the one-way function value  $X(M)$  is generated from bit concatenation  $\underline{H}(u_1 \mid M) \mid \dots \mid \underline{H}(u_m \mid M)$  of the value of the one-way function  $H$  and has a desired bit length.

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32. (Original) The access ticket generation device according to claim 31, wherein the value generation unique value  $(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  is found from  $u_j = G(s_j \mid d)$  obtained by applying a one-way function  $G$  to the function generation unique value  $s$   $(s_1, \dots, s_m)$ .

33. (Currently Amended) An authentication device for performing authentication in accordance with a message  $M$ , comprising:

means for inputting the message  $M$ ;

means for holding a value generation unique value  $u$ ;

means for creating a one-way function value  $X(M)$  of the message  $M$  by applying a one-way function  $H$  to the value generation unique value  $u$  and the message  $M$ ;

means for performing processing based on the private key  $X(M)$ ;

means for holding an access ticket  $t$  determined from a private key  $x$  and the one-way function value  $X(M)$ ;

means for converting the processing based on the private key  $X(M)$  to processing based on the private key  $x$  by the access ticket  $t$ ;

means for holding a public key  $y$  paired with the private key  $x$ ; and

means for verifying the processing based on the private key with the public key y,

wherein the value generation unique value u is created from the-a function generation unique value s being held by a center and the unique value d, the value generation unique value u being provided to a user.

34. (Original) The authentication device according to claim 33, wherein the means for converting the processing based on the private key comprises means for updating a challenge c with the access ticket t.

35. (Original) The authentication device according to claim 33, wherein the means for converting the processing based on the private key comprises means for updating a response r with the access ticket t.

36. (Original) The authentication device according to claim 33, wherein the means for converting the processing based on the private key comprises means for updating a response r with the access ticket t and a challenge c.

37. (Original) The authentication device according to claim 33, wherein the means for converting the processing based on the private key comprises means for updating a challenge c with a commitment w and means for updating a response r with the access ticket t and the challenge c.

38. (Original) The authentication device according to claim 33, wherein the means for converting the processing based on the private key comprises means for updating a challenge c with the access ticket t and a commitment w, and means for updating a response r with the commitment w.